

POMPOSITTICUT SCHOOL STUDY COMMITTEE

Draft charge as of 12/13/09

Following the vote by the Town of Stow in October 2009 to move all of the elementary school children to the Center School site by Fall 2012, the Board of Selectmen are ready to initiate a process to determine the best use(s) of the Pompositticut School, once it is abandoned as a school building. Once a use(s) is determined, the Study Committee will disband, and a building committee will be constituted, if needed.

Deliverables:

- At least two town-wide forums to gather community input
- Request for funds for professional services by ATM 2010
- Recommendation for use with proposed associated costs to ATM 2011

Deadlines:

- Phase One completed by June 2010
- Recommendation to Selectmen on process to address the land separately by June 2010
- Phase Two completed by June 2011

Membership: Five member committee with terms concurrent to June 2011. Relevant skills to include knowledge of Stow's municipal services and needs, real estate, architecture, engineering, community outreach. Chairperson to be voted among voting members that will serve as liaison to Board of Selectmen and report on regular basis, either in person or by e/mail. Associates to be posted and appointed by the committee as needed.

Objective:

Conduct a comprehensive analysis of use options for the Pompositticut School, and report back to Selectmen.

Tasks:

Phase One:

1. Complete a thorough cataloging of existing studies of the building and site:
 - a. Use the information gathered by the various school building committees, SMAHT and Land Use Task Force

- b. Collect definitive information on any deed restrictions and Town Meeting votes regarding any part of what is currently considered part of the Pompo land
2. Produce a comprehensive analysis of all options for Pompo land and building
 - a. Survey all groups in town, including but not limited to those that have already expressed interest; include town wide forums for widespread citizen input
 - b. Use results of Municipal Land Use Task Force and Master Plan surveys
 - c. Create separate documents for the land and the building
 - d. Identify needs for professional services and develop cost estimates
3. Through Selectmen, obtain funds at Annual Town Meeting 2010 to fund professional research, as necessary
4. Propose to Selectmen process to address land use(s) which would move forward separately

Phase Two:

1. Identify possible uses of building, allowed within the realities of the structural, legal and other specific data gathered
2. Develop proposal of building use
 - a. If municipal building, confirm interest in group(s) currently identified with those uses
 - b. Coordinate cost estimates by each involved interest group/committee to convert current building into this use(s)
3. Bring proposal to Annual Town Meeting 2011 for vote on use and any associated costs to convert to said use
4. If approved, dissolve Study Committee and create Pompo Building Committee (if necessary) with specific skill set to address future use.